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MIAMI SCHOOL VIOLENCE ISSUE TAKES CENTER STAGE... ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS TO TAKE PLEDGE AGAINST VIOLENCE

MIAMI, FL – SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 – Approximately 1,000 City of Miami students will pledge a school year without violence at a special, anti-violence youth rally Thursday, September 30, 2010 at Jungle Island, 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The "Back Without A Bang" Youth Rally Against Violence was created by the Do The Right Thing Program to respond to the ever increasing, national problem of school violence. Fifth grade students from nine City of Miami elementary schools were specially selected to participate in reciting a unique "Victory Against Violence" pledge led by **Miami Police Chief Miguel Exposito**. Students will wear "I Took the Pledge" t-shirts, color-coded by school and will receive a miniature, laminated copy of the pledge (see pledge card below).

Additionally, several schools will perform their own anti-violence presentations including poems, raps and/or other expressions against violence.

All students will sign a giant, 4 foot X 8 foot copy of the pledge which will be sent to Florida's Governor.

"BACK WITHOUT A BANG" SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	School anti-violence presentations
10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m.	"Victory Against Violence" Pledge w/ Chief
10:10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Students sign giant pledge card
10:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.	Shows, park tours, lunch

Event emcee is Miami Police Public Information Office Commander Delrish Moss.

